1. Punukula Chilaka
2. Anisettipalli (UG)
3. Penagadappa-I
4. Cherla (OC)
5. Cherla (UG)
6. Tadicheral Block-II

7. (e) and (f) Government had advertised 20 coal blocks including Punukula Chilaka, Anisettipalli-UG and Penagadapa-I in the territory of the State of Andhra Pradesh, inviting applications from companies engaged in iron and steel production, power generation and cement production for allocation of the coal blocks for captive use of coal in their aforesaid end-use plants. A large number of applications have been received against the aforesaid advertisement.

Coal production

3209. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal by public and private sector and coal companies during the last two years up to 31st October, 2005, company-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any decline in production especially in the public sector coal companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action proposed to be taken to check the decline in coal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The details are given below:—

(Figures in million tonnes)

Company	2003-04	2004-05	2005 (upto 31.10.05)
1	2	3	4
Coal India Limited	306.364	323.575	179.08
Singareni Collieries Company Limited	33.854	35.303	17.91
Damodar Valley Corporation	0.381	0.401	0.20
Indian Iron & Steel Company	0.77	0.891	0.38
J&K Mineral Limited	0.019	0.023	0.01

1	2	3	4
Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corp. Ltd.	0.444	0.589	0.39
Total Public	341.832	360.782	197.99
Bengal Emta Coal Mines Limited	3.769	3.994	2.50
Integrated Coal Mining Limited	1.495	2.401	1.59
Jindal Steel & Power Limited	2.466	2.965	2.82
Hindalco Industries Limited	0.099	0.524	0.48
Meghalaya	5.439	5.345	2.05
Tata Iron & Steel Company	6.146	6.374	3.63
Monnet Ispat Limited	—	0.126	0.20
BLA Industries	—	0.096	0.015
Castron Mining Limited	—	0.008	0.01
Total Private	19.414	21.833	13.40
ALL INDIA:	361.246	382.615	211.45

(b) to (d) There has been a marginal shortfall in production as against the Annual Action Plan (AAP) target in Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited during the period April-October, 2005 on account of unprecedented rainfall, shortage of explosive, depletion in HEMM capacity and land acquisition problem. However, there is an increase in coal production in public sector coal companies during 2005-06 (upto Nov. 2005/provisional) as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Joint coal venture of Maharashtra and Gujarat

3210. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, faced with a massive electricity shortage, Maharashtra and Gujarat have joined hands to stake exclusive rights to a large 'Machchapada Mahandi' coal mine in Orissa, to run power plants in two States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.